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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Introductory Comments

This is in response to the office action mailed July 11, 2006. A shortened statutory period for response was set to expire three months from the mailing date of the office action. Claims 1-7, 9-15, 17, 18 and 21 - 24 are pending in the application before this amendment. Claims 9-15, 17, 18 have been allowed. Claims 1-7 and 21-24 and have been rejected.

Please amend the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.